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QUOTE

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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE IN GABON

PENDLETON FORN ATF SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

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(B) LIBREVILLE 1314

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED CONTENTS REF A SEPTEMBER 3 WITH MFA OFFICIAL DESIGNATED AT EARLIER MEETING AS CONTACT FOR RESETTLEMENT ISSUE. RAISED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF INTERESTED REFUGEES AND ALSO POINTED OUT ADVANTAGES TO GOG IN ESTABLISHING SKILL PRIORITIES AND OTHER QUALIFICA-
TIONS TO ALLOW PRESCREENING OF APPLICATIONS TO REDUCE HEM
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TO MANAGEABLE LEVEL.

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2. MFA OFFICIAL REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 6 FONMIN OKUMBA'S
REPLY AS FOLLOWS:
A. GOG CANNOT HANDLE LARGE NUMBERS OF APPLICATIONS.
PREFER RECEIVING 150 - MAXIMUM 200.
B. NO PRIOR CONDITIONS WILL BE SET, BUT CURRICULA
VITAE SHOULD SPECIFY AGE, LANGUAGE ABILITY, FAMILY SIZE
AND SKILL(S).
C. THERE IS NO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
IN GABON. HOWEVER, SPECIFIC ISSUES OF HOUSING AND
TRAINING WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER DETERMINATION MADE
OF REFUGEES TO BE RESETTLED.
D. NO WAY TO PREDETERMINE IF REFUGEES SHOULD BE RESETTLED
INDIVIDUALLY OR AS VILLAGE PRIOR THEIR SELECTION.
HOWEVER, NO OBJECTION PER SE TO RESETTLEMENT AS VILLAGE
(ALSO SEE REF B).

3. COMMENT: IF NUMBER APPLICANTS TO BE REDUCED TO
PROCESSABLE LEVEL, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS
WHICH PEOPLE MOST QUALIFIED FOR GABON. AGREE WITH SENIOR
CIVIL COORDINATOR THAT FISHING VILLAGE WOULD BE MOST
SUITABLE GROUP. SUGGEST THIS BE ESTABLISHED AS PRE-SCREENING
CRITERION AND ONLY CURRICULA VITAE OF REFUGEES COMPATIBLE
IN SUCH VILLAGE WOULD BE FORWARDED GOG. IF NUMBER STILL
EXCESSIVE, SUGGEST CAMP PENDLETON OFFICIALS USE JUDGEMENT
IN SELECTING MOST QUALIFIED 200. GOOD HEALTH, YOUTH,
FRENCH LANGUAGE ABILITY, SELF-RELIANCE AND ABILITY TO
FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT SUPPORT OR STRUCTURE
CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ASSETS TO REFUGEE'S SUCCESS HERE.
THIN CADRES IN GOG ADMINISTRATION TAXED BEYOND
CAPACITY BY GABONESE ECONOMIC BOOM. REFUGEES WILL
NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECTIVE HELP FOR RESETTLEMENT, OTHER
THAN PERHAPS RECEIVING FREE LAND TO ESTABLISH VILLAGE
(SEE REF B).STEIGMAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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